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CHINESE STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
IN NORTH AMERICA

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CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I.—NAME

The name of this Organization shall be **THE CHINESE STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IN NORTH AMERICA.**

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS

The objects will be :

- (a) To unite all the Christian Chinese Students in North America.
- (b) To promote growth of Christian character.
- (c) To carry on aggressive Christian work, especially by and among the Chinese students.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP

(a) Any Chinese student, in sympathy with the objects of the Association and makes declaration of his purpose to work for their realization may become a member.

(b) Any person, not a student, interested in the work of the Association and desirous of coöperation may become a coöperative member.

(c) The right to hold office shall be restricted to Chinese student members who are members of Christian churches.

(d) There shall be no membership fee.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION

(a) The Local Unit.

- i. The members in each locality shall form the local unit and shall elect its executive committee.

ii. The function of the L. U. shall be to promote the objects of the Association, to stimulate the development of layman leadership for the Church in China and provide opportunity for fellowship and study of religious and kindred subjects.

iii. The executive committee of the L. U. shall ex-officio represent the Departmental Committee in each locality and help it to promote the interests of the Association.

iv. The L. U. may draw up its own budget and assess its members to defray local expenses.

(b) The Departments

i. This Association shall be divided into four departments, to be known as: The Eastern Department; the Middle West Department; the Western Department; and the Women's Department.

ii. The Eastern Department shall embrace such territories of the United States and Canada as are east of the meridian passing through Buffalo; the Middle Western Department shall embrace those between Buffalo and the Rockies; the Western Department shall embrace those west of the Rockies; and the Women's Department shall include all women members of the Association.

iii. The Function of the Department shall be to encourage the establishment of local units and assist them in their work;

To assist the Central Executive Board in maintaining and supporting the work of the Association.

iv. The officers of the Department shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer holding office for one year, and elected by the members of the Department.

The Chairman of the Department shall appoint a Nomination Committee in April for the election of the Departmental officers for the following year and the election shall be carried on through the mail in May, with the help of the Local Units.

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iii. To keep a record of the membership of the Association and of its activities.

iv. To have custody of all records and written reports.

v. To supervise publications of the Association.

vi. To serve as secretary of the Central Board.

(c) The Field secretaries shall assist the General Secretary in discharging his duties.

ARTICLE VI.—PUBLICATIONS

(a) The Association shall publish quarterly a sheet known as Fellowship Notes, in October, December March, and May, and an annual number in January.

They shall be edited by the General Secretary.

ARTICLE VII.—COMMITTEES, CENTRAL AND DEPARTMENTAL

(a) Central Committee of Ways and Means :

i. The Committee shall be composed of the Treasurers of the Departments with the Treasurer of the Association as chairman, and the President and the General Secretary as ex-officio members.

ii. Its function is to raise funds.

(b) Central Advisory Committee.

i. The Committee shall be composed of 15 friends of the Association as elected by the Central Board.

ii. Its function shall be to give advice and moral encouragement in all the activities of the Association.

(c) Departmental Committees may be appointed by the Department Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.—FINANCE

(a) Support: The Association shall be supported by voluntary contributions from members and friends.

(b) Financial Drive: An annual financial drive shall be held in January and February and directed by the Treasurer of the Association.

(c) Budget: An annual budget shall be drawn up by the Treasurer, with the coöperation of the General Secretary and submitted for approval to the Central Board at the beginning of the administrative year and not later than July.

(d) Financial Control: All funds raised in the name of the C. S. C. A., whether by departments, local units or individuals shall be turned into the Central Treasury. All disbursements of the Association funds shall be made by the Treasurer with the approval of the President.

ARTICLE IX.—AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution shall require for their adoption a statement, written and signed by five members of the Association and duly presented to the Central Board and a two-thirds vote of the members.

The voting shall be done through mail.